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Government appeals to Parliament for solution for Tiara Air



Minister Oduber addresses parliament

ORANJESTAD -- On Monday evening Ministers Otmar Oduber and Juan David Yrausquin were both present in Parliament during a public meeting intended to find a solution for the Aruba Tiara Air airline.

Minister Oduber provided Parliament with a resume of all the intents, meetings, conversations and analysis done thus far to reach a solution. However, all efforts have failed to produce a solution.

The Minister went to Venezuela and held various meetings with Venezuelan executives. There was some light at the end of the tunnel, but that light is still rather distant. Cadivi has decided to release about 1.9 million dol-



lars this weekend. Another sum will be released at the beginning of December and in January again.

Tiara Air's situation is so grave that if they do not get the necessary funds this week, this local company will have to shut down their operations. This, of course, will have dire consequences for our island and for their employees.

For this reason both Ministers appealed to Parliament

to enact an adaptation to the law regarding the Aruba Tourism Authority emergency funds. In this manner they can submit a one time sum of 1 million dollars to help Tiara Air in order to avoid a shutdown.

Parliament, reportedly, showed positive inclination to the government's petition to help solve the problem of a company which brings 27% of our tourists from Venezuela. The Ministers were very grateful for the support received from Parliament. We must support our local aviation companies which contribute greatly to the development of our economic pillar, our tourism.

UN launches \$300m appeal as warships head to Philippines



Survivors wait on a military plane at Tacloban airport

TACLOBAN (AFP) - The UN launched an appeal for more than \$300 million in aid as US and British warships on Wednesday steamed towards the typhoon-ravaged Philippines, where thousands of people are feared dead.

Five days after Super Typhoon Haiyan destroyed entire coastal communities with record winds and tsunami-like waves, the magnitude of the disaster continued to build with almost unimaginable horror.

Festering bodies still littered the streets in many areas Wednesday, with the smell of rotting flesh hanging in the air and ramping up the fear of disease in the tropical heat.

Increasingly desperate survivors begged for help that was having difficulty reaching them -- many still without access to food and water after nights spent in the open.

UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos told reporters in Manila the money was needed for "food, health, sanitation, shelter, debris removal and also protection of the most vulnerable".

The UN warned 10,000 people were feared dead in just one city, Tacloban, the provincial capital of Leyte province where five-metre (16-foot) waves flattened nearly everything in their path as they swept hundreds of metres inland.

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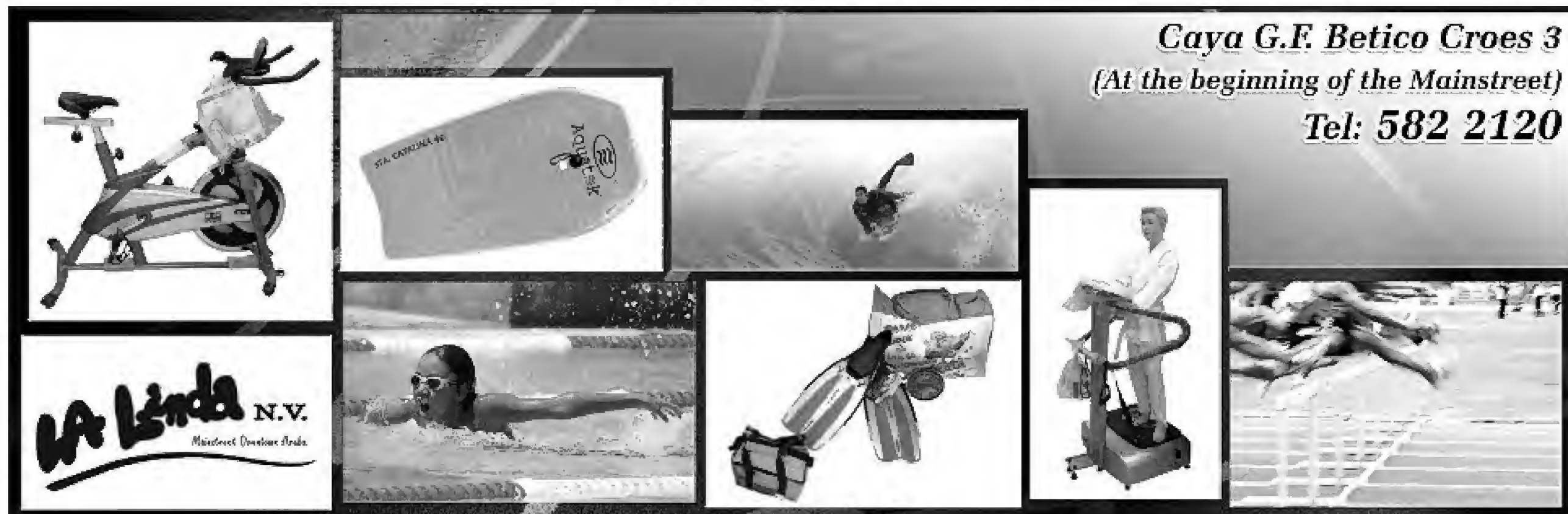
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Mon Plaisir College Introduces its Good 4 The Neighborhood Project



ORANJESTAD -- The G4N team at Mon Plaisir College recently introduced its project incorporated into Aruba Bank's Good 4 The Neighborhood, initiative. The school decided to participate in the bank's project, seeing that it stands to make a positive contribution on a local organization here in Aruba.

The organization the G4N team chose is the Fundacion pa Promove Paternidad Responsabel -- The Foundation Promoting Responsible Parenthood, which is the official name for Planned Parenthood, founded on November 20th, 1970 under the Dutch Antillean law. Seeing that as a non-profit foundation, Planned Parenthood doesn't receive sufficient funds to work on all aspects of its mission, the school decided to help by giving it a face-lift, making its building more attractive, so that the community -- and especially teens -- would find it more attractive

and would be able to recognize it immediately.

Planned Parenthood works to promote the right and easy access to services and information on the use of contraceptives and the sexual health of the community of Aruba, without any discrimination based on race, religion, political color or sexual orientation. The foundation does this by offering different methods of contraception, including counseling on the topics of sexual reproductive health, organizing workshops for teens via school and workshops for adults.

By helping the foundation with a face-lift, Mon Plaisir College hopes that the entire community and especially teens will seek out the organization for information, and would consider becoming a member. In fact, becoming a member has many benefits and costs almost nothing, including those under 21 years of age, the membership is

completely free.

Mon Plaisir College feels that if the community is aware of its sexual health, that awareness will have a positive social, educational, economic and health effect.

During the next few weeks, the entire community and particularly the neighborhood of Dakota and environs, is invited to come help paint and fix up the Planned Parenthood building, which is located on Avenida Milo Croes, in an effort to make it a pleasant and attractive place for all.

For more information on the type of help needed, please call Gislene Werleman Semerel at Tel.: 593 6804.

Good4theNeighborhood was first launched by Aruba Bank four years ago, allowing secondary schools students around the island to demonstrate their strong sense of responsibility and love for the island, working together on a project that would benefit their community.

Constitutional Court of St. Maarten delivers judgement in first matter filed by Ombudsman



ST. MAARTEN / ORANJESTAD -- Last Friday, 8 November 2013, the Constitutional Court of St. Maarten delivered its judgment in the first matter filed by the Ombudsman of St. Maarten, Dr Nilda Arduin.

The Ombudsman had requested the Court to review the new Criminal Code of St. Maarten as to its compliance with the Constitution of St. Maarten. This form of judicial review is ex ante (before the law enters into force) and abstract, that is without a concrete case before the Court.

The Constitutional Court of St. Maarten is the only constitutional court within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The judgment was given by the President, Jacob "Bob" Wit (Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice) and the Members Jan de Boer (Judge of the Common Court of Justice of Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten and of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba) and Ben Vermeulen (Member of the Dutch Council of State).

The Ombudsman of St. Maarten filed seven complaints with respect to the Criminal Code. Four of these complaints the Court considered well founded. Two of these four complaints (with respect to the date of ratifica-

tion and renumbering of the Code) were of a more technical legal nature. These have not resulted in nullifications of the legislation.

The third successful complaint concerns the possibility of imposing life sentences. It cannot be excluded that at some time in the future a life sentenced prisoner will be fully rehabilitated and that continued detention can no longer be justified on legitimate penological grounds. The Constitutional Court, applying the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, decided that in such a case even a life sentenced prisoner must have both a possibility of review and a prospect of release. This flows from section 3 of the Constitution of St. Maarten prohibiting cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment. As the Code lacks any provision providing for such a review and the government was not willing to undertake that in such a case a pardon will be given, the Court found itself compelled to strike down a number of provisions in the Criminal Code providing for the possibility of imposing life sentences.

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The fourth successful complaint concerns two provisions in the Criminal Code dealing with conditional release. These provisions favour illegal aliens over residents when sentenced to less than five years whereas they completely exclude conditional release for illegal aliens when sentenced to five years or more. The Court struck down both provisions on the basis of their arbitrariness and as constituting a violation of the principle of equal treatment (section 16 of the Constitution).

Three of the complaints were considered to be unfounded. These complaints dealt with the issue of a increased maximum sentence for theft committed with respect to recreational tourists, animal fights with a government permit and the possibility of organizing prostitution with a permit of the Minister of Justice.

Resulting from the striking down of some parts of the Criminal Code, the St. Maarten legislature can, if it so wishes, adapt or redraft those parts of the legislation. The amendments resulting from that exercise may, of course, be referred to the Court for further review if the Ombudsman finds reasons to do so.

Second Aruba Doet volunteer weekend announced for March 2014



Marielle Hoeijmakers, Minister Croes, Daniel Tecklenborg

ORANJESTAD -- Director of CEDE (Centro pa Desaroyo Aruba-Center for Aruba Development), Daniel Tecklenborg welcomed Minister of Social Affairs, Youth Policy and Labor, Paul Croes for the announcement that they will again be organizing a weekend of volunteer work, Aruba Doet. ("Aruba Does it")

This massive volunteer effort, which was inaugurated in March of this year, was conducted in concert with Holland's "Netherland Doet" and Bonaire, called "Bon Doet" resulting in the grandest volunteer project the Kingdom of the Netherlands had ever witnessed. CEDE Aruba worked in concert with the Oranje Fonds, to fund and organize this kingdom-wide effort. The second Aruba Doet is scheduled for Friday March 21st and Saturday March 22nd, 2014.

"Aruba Doet is an initiative to stimulate volunteer work," explained Mr. Tecklenborg. "It gives every citizen a chance to work together for a good cause, which ben-

efits the community of Aruba." Aruba Doet Project Coordinator Mariëlle Hoeijmakers cited they were very pleased and impressed by the nearly 2300 volunteers who responded to the call last year, completing 97 projects on Aruba over a two day period. They hope the satisfaction derived from seeing the benefits of their efforts will prompt those who participated last year to motivate their friends and neighbors to join the cause. This year, they believe their optimism will be rewarded, and they plan to schedule 125 projects for completion over the two day volunteer event.

Despite the fact that Aruba is blessed with a great deal of volunteer work throughout the year, many social and cultural organizations, neighborhood sport facilities, care institutions and schools have overdue jobs that require volunteer manpower to finalize.

Various facilities and foundations requiring volunteers can register their jobs at <http://www.arubadoet.com> before January 31st, 2014 or

visit the CEDE Aruba office at Caya Appeldam 2, telephone number 582-7666. Each organization can register a job that can be finalized in a half or one day of work, but no more than 2 days to complete. The jobs can be of any reasonable size, such as painting a foundation or a baseball grandstand, cleaning action at schools, restoration of a recreation park, organize a day for the elderly or special needs individuals or mentally challenged. It might include helping an organization with any delayed work they have, such as administration work or organizing books by authors. Job suppliers can request a financial contribution if they meet the set require-

ments.

As for skills required by the volunteers- "Everyone can do chores" is the Aruba Doet motto. Many jobs are simple and require little time to complete or special skills to accomplish. "Many helping hands make light work," reminded the organizers. All the community, and all ages are invited to donate

a few hours of their time during the weekend of the project. "Join together with your family or friends, sport team mates, classmates or colleagues," they ask. "No group is too small or too large." Island companies are also requested to assist with donated materials such as paint, tools, building materials or meals for the volunteers.

By Rosalie Klein

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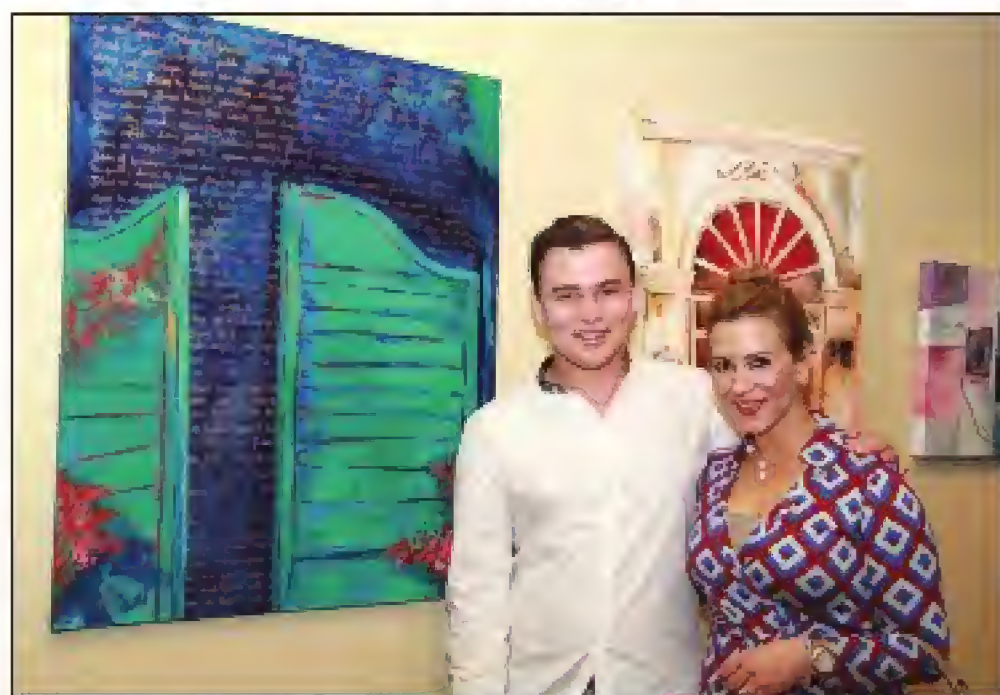
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"Passages" by Anita Hugen opens at the Westin Art Gallery



Artist Anita Hugen



ORANJESTAD -- For more than a decade, Anita Hugen, as Director of Visual Arts at the International School of Aruba, has been inspiring and sparking young minds to an interest in the arts. She is a beloved teacher and well-known on Aruba as an artist with an interesting and spiritual point of view.

Her newest collection went on sale at the Westin Art Gallery in the Palm Beach Resort on Saturday evening, November 9. Her first solo show in five years, entitled "Passages," will be on display

until Friday, December 6.

The works are a collection of painting, mixed media and photography on canvas. Present are the mystical themes that have long been the artist's preoccupation, often mixing images and symbolism from many faiths on the same canvas. "I think that all religions eventually lead to one spiritual deity, no matter what they may call it, and are all beautiful, providing hope to the faithful," states Ms. Hugen of her affinity for spiritual subjects.

Hugen's present collection

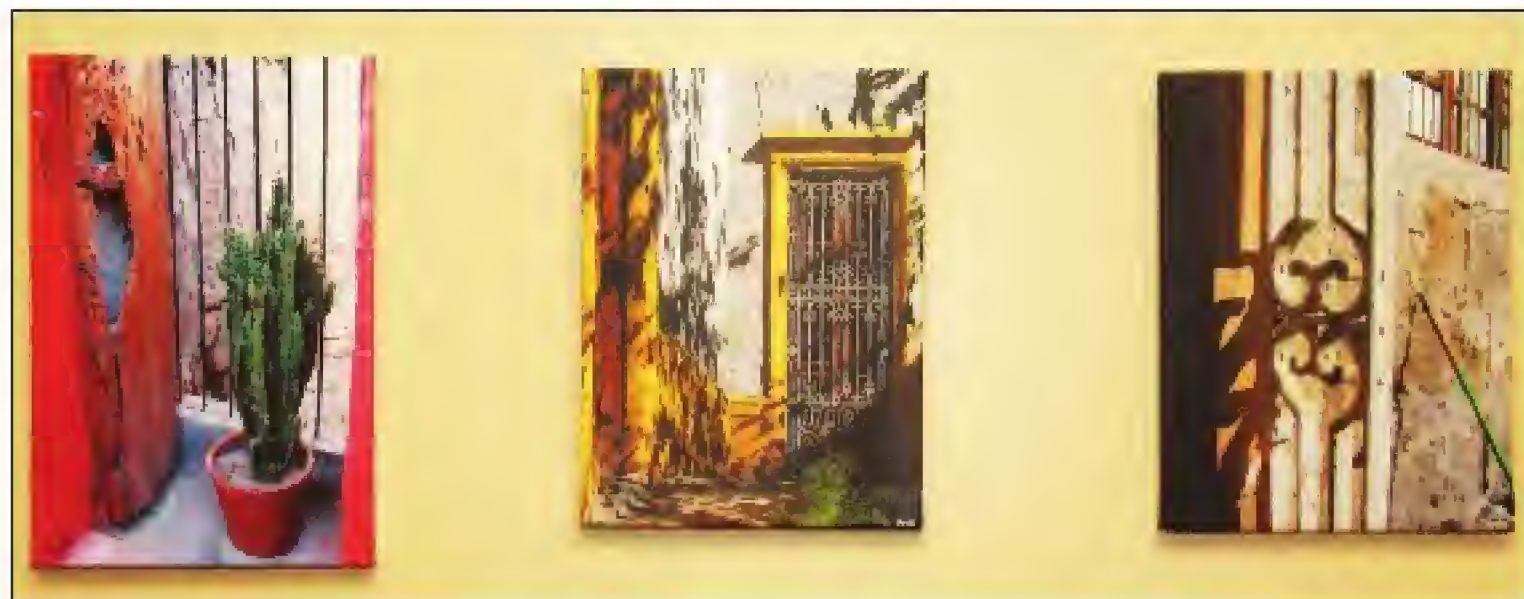



also demonstrates a fascination with everyday objects that capture the essential symbolism of passage in life. Gates and windows, with many of the paintings studying them in minutiae, are transitions to a new place, indicative of the changes we go through in our lives. Some photographs have captured stunning skies seen through remarkable, thick natural rock openings, which can only be interpreted as heaven, nirvana, enlightenment or eternal bliss, beckoning to the person looking through.

For those with a preference for art that is spiritually inspired and contemplative, there is a great deal of thought-provoking works in this new collection from island artist Anita Hugen.

The Westin Art Gallery is located off the main lobby of the resort, near the concierge desk. It is open 27 hours a day, seven days a week. A representative of the gallery is on hand on Tuesday and Friday afternoons to facilitate sales of the work, or they can be contacted at telephone numbers: 588-2267, 740-2673 or 741-1987.

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SEROE BLANCO -The landmark Carnival 60 season has been inaugurated and Aruba's national telecommunication company, SETAR N.V., is once again an official sponsor. SETAR N.V. Marketing Executive Andreina Kock announced that SETAR is already working on the first smart phone app to celebrate the occasion, which will soon be completed.

The app is available for all iPhone, Android and Blackberry smart phones. With this application, all local as well as international clients can stay up to date of Carnival activities, including voting for queens and music,

check-in via Foursquare, and share via their favorite social media, plus much more. SETAR will make an announcement as soon as the app is ready for downloading. Presently, clients can scan the Carnival app barcode and they will receive an SMS message as soon as it is complete. SETAR asks that all Carnival event organizers wishing to include their activities/events in SETAR's official Carnival app to please send an e-mail to carnavalapp@setar.aw

In celebration of our 60th Carnival, SETAR also has a 'limited edition' prepaid telephone card. The card has a denomination of Afl. 15 and a unique design, which clients can save as memorabilia of the landmark event. The card will be on sale starting in 2014 and will be available wherever SETAR prepaid cards are sold.

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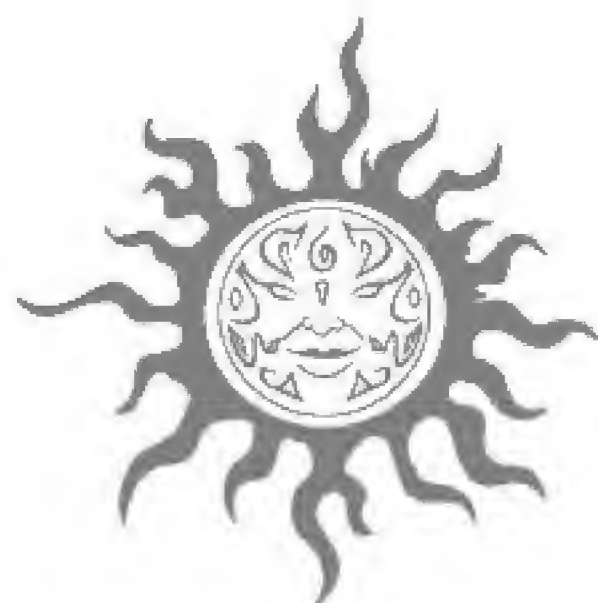
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White House warns Congress over opposing Iran deal could lead to war

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House Tuesday warned lawmakers mulling tougher sanctions on Iran that thwarting US diplomacy could leave President Barack Obama little option but to use military force against Tehran's nuclear program.

"The American people do not want a march to war," spokesman Jay Carney said, in a significant stiffening of US rhetoric towards opponents of a proposed interim agreement with Tehran on Capitol Hill.

Carney warned that if Obama's efforts to solve the Iranian nuclear crisis diplomatically failed, or were blocked, he would be left

with few other options, among them, a military one.

Officials had earlier warned that the kind of new sanctions being mullied by bipartisan senators on Capitol Hill could alienate Iran's negotiating team and embolden hardliners in Iran that oppose dialogue between President Hassan Rouhani's envoys and the United States.

"The American people justifiably and understandably prefer a peaceful solution that prevents Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, and this agreement, if it's achieved, has the potential to do that," Carney said.

"The alternative is military action."

OPEC ticks up 2013 oil demand forecast

VIENNA - (AFP) - The OPEC oil cartel on Tuesday increased its forecast for oil demand growth in 2013 on expectations of better-than-expected improvement in developed country economies.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said in its November monthly report that demand would average 89.78 million barrels per day (mbpd) in 2013, a slight 0.04 mbpd increase from last month's forecast.

Most of the demand increase came from small adjustments in Europe and North America with non-OECD countries seeing demand forecasts in a slight decline.

Enrique Iglesias appeals for aid for Philippines



MADRID (AFP) - Grammy-winning Spanish singer Enrique Iglesias, whose mother is from the Philippines, on Tuesday urged his fans to give money to help victims of the devastating Typhoon Haiyan.

"HELP THE PHILIPPINES! People in the Philip-

ppines need our help right away! Please consider donating to Haiyan disaster relief. You'll feel good that you did," the 38-year-old wrote on his official website beside a link to the web page of the American Red Cross.

Iglesias is the third and youngest child of veteran Spanish singer Julio Iglesias and socialite and magazine journalist Isabel Preysler, who moved to Madrid from the Philippines when she was a teenager.

Preysler, dubbed "The Pearl of Manila" by Spain's gossip magazines, and Julio Iglesias split in 1979 after a seven-year marriage. She is currently married to former Spanish finance minister Miguel Boyer.

Colombia says FARC plotted to kill ex-president Uribe

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia accused the leftist FARC guerrilla group Tuesday of plotting to kill former president Alvaro Uribe, a vehement critic of peace talks with the rebels.

The accusation comes as the present Colombian government is engaged in delicate peace talks with the rebels, and it was not immediately clear what effect it would have on negotiations.

Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said he had met with Uribe "to inform him of the detection of a plan by the FARC's Teofilo Forero Mobile Column to make an attempt on his life."

Pinzon said President Juan Manuel Santos ordered au-

thorities "to guarantee the security and integrity of the former head of state and protect him, as well as to get those responsible for these threats."

Uribe told reporters in Bogota he would be more careful about his movements in the future, but added: "You have to stay in the fight."

Uribe, now 61, waged a fierce war against the FARC during his presidency from 2002 to 2010, reducing Colombia's largest leftist rebel group by half and confining it to remote areas of the country.

After leaving office, he split bitterly with Santos, his former defense minister and successor, for trying to make peace with the rebel group

and for mending relations with neighboring Venezuela.

Details of the plot against Uribe were not disclosed and it was not immediately apparent what impact they might have on the peace talks, which mark their first anniversary on November 19.

The president of the Congress, Juan Fernando Cristo, said the news was "very serious" but reserved judgment on the fallout.

"We have to await the details, what kind of attack or plot was involved. But if it is confirmed, we have to demand that the (FARC) negotiators in Havana explain it to the country," he said.

The Teofilo Forero Column is considered one of the FARC's most active units.



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Venezuela ruling party eyes decree powers for Maduro

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's ruling party eyed a vote Tuesday to pave the way for President Nicolas Maduro to govern by decree, broadening powers he used to cut prices and send troops to electronics stores.

Maduro asked for the special legislative powers last month, arguing that he needed them to fight corruption and an "economic war" against his government amid soaring inflation at 54 percent.

His United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) is one lawmaker shy it needs in the National Assembly to pass the "enabling law" that would give him special legislative powers for one year.

But first, to get the three-fifths majority, the PSUV will call a vote Tuesday to oust opposition lawmaker Maria Mercedes Aranguren from the unicameral assembly.

Aranguren was elected as a PSUV candidate but she has since moved to the opposition and has been accused of corruption.

She would be replaced by her substitute, Carlos Flores, who is considered a "Chavista," a follower of the doctrine of late leader Hugo Chavez.

His support would allow the PSUV to vote on the "enabling law" as early as this week.

"This deputy (Aranguren) was elected with votes from Chavismo and her substitute is a Chavista," said National Assembly president Diosdado Cabello.

Last week, the Supreme Court told the legislature to oust Aranguren, arguing that there was enough evidence to put her on trial on charges of embezzling public funds.

But Aranguren and the opposition say the trial is part of a government and PSUV strategy to give Maduro the power to rule by decree.

Maduro says he would use the extraordinary powers to impose caps on private sector profits and crack down on speculators.

The president already imposed price cuts in electronic stores over the weekend and



deployed soldiers to guard the shops. He said the measure would be extended to toys, cars and clothing.

Venezuelans have responded by mobbing stores just over a month before the Christmas holiday. At least 38 people have been arrested, and warrants were issued for 10 more.

Maduro appealed for calm on Monday and accused the opposition of trying to provoke violence at stores accused of raising prices illegally.

The government intervention comes less than a month before municipal elections that are seen as a key test of strength six months after Maduro's contested election to replace Chavez.

Critics blame the country's economic woes on the government-imposed fixed exchange rate and price controls, saying they have led to shortages of basic goods such as toilet paper, rice and meat.

Opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who has refused to concede defeat in April presidential elections, said the government was in negotiations to sell oil assets and gold reserves to cover its "currency needs."

Capriles claimed that The state oil monopoly PDVSA, which oversees the world's largest proven oil reserves, is looking to sell minority shares in its Citgo subsidiary and oil pipelines for \$300 million.

He said the government is in talks with Wall Street giant Goldman Sachs to sell 1,450 ounces of gold worth more than \$1.8 billion.

Capriles added that Venezuela is seeking a \$3 billion line of credit to pay the debt owed by the government's currency agency, Cadivi, to

Venezuelan importers.

"They should deny this if it's not true," Capriles said.

Venezuela makes a limited number of dollars available for imports at 6.3 bolivars to the dollar but the greenback costs much more on the black market.

Business people complain they cannot get enough dollars at the official rate and are forced to acquire them on the black market to buy imported goods, which causes prices to soar.

But the government says it does provide enough dollars and accuses some in the business sector of speculation.

Uruguay wants to ban foreign states from buying land

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - The Uruguayan government sent a draft law to parliament Tuesday that would ban the ownership of land by companies if they are in any way linked to foreign countries.

The measure states it "aims to avoid the risk of foreign states breaching the sovereignty of the Uruguayan state in the absence of appropriate regulations and occupying a significant position in agricultural activity."

The country's presidency, which announced the proposal, argued that land is a scarce and nonrenewable resource in Uruguay as it highlighted the economic importance of the agricultural sector.

The proposed law seeks to have a "deterrent effect" and cites legislation in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina as precedents.

Secret pricing spikes US healthcare costs: experts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Secret pricing is making health care in the United States more expensive than ever, leading costs to triple in the past two decades, experts said Tuesday.

Overall, US healthcare costs now account for nearly 18 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), twice the amount spent by Japan, Ireland and Sweden where people are generally healthier and live longer.

Ninety-one percent of US healthcare cost increases since 2000 have been due to the price of doctor visits, drugs, devices and administrative costs, said the report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Costs have tripled in real terms over the past two decades," said the study.

The findings contradict the widely held belief that an aging population and higher demand for medical treatment are causing the prices to rise, said study author Hamilton Moses.

"Price is the culprit," he told reporters at a briefing in Washington. "Not population, demographics, or use and intensity that is driving the increase."

Moreover, many of these costs are unknown to the public and even doctors themselves until after the services have already been rendered, said Moses, an adjunct professor of neurology and former chief physician of The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Many prices are "completely invisible to you and to your doctors," he said, noting that most are set by the federal government or negotiated confidentially with hospitals.

"This is not a market. It is far from a market," said Moses. "Few prices are known. They are not well-publicized."

A better way would be to use reference pricing, a system that sets a level of reimbursement for a group of interchangeable medicines, he said.

Reference pricing is used in

many European countries, including France, Denmark, Finland, Germany and Italy.

If the United States were to adopt this strategy, it is "likely to be quite effective, having been effective in other countries," said Moses.

The study showed that US healthcare expenditures were \$2.7 trillion in 2011. Health's proportion of GDP doubled between 1980 and 2011 to 17.9 percent.

Meanwhile, government funding for health care increased from 31 percent in 1980 to 42 percent in 2011.

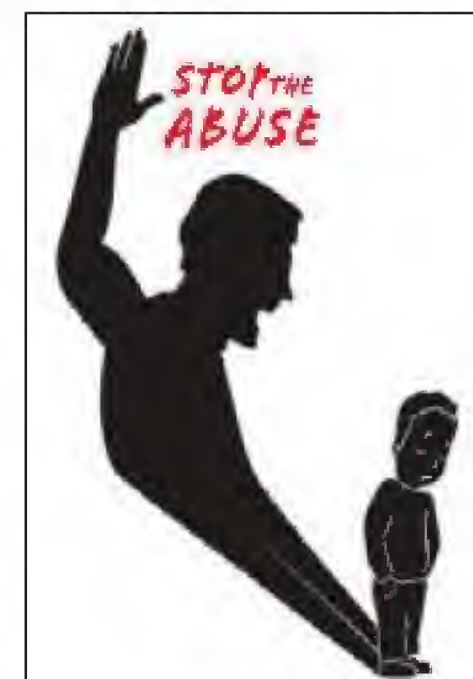
Chronic illnesses made up 84 percent of costs overall, and again, contrary to widely held belief, they were not only chiefly among the elderly.

In fact, researchers found that 67 percent of health spending was on chronic illnesses in people under 65.

Other key drivers of the rise are administrative costs incurred when doctors and hospitals seek payment from insurers and individuals. These fees are rising by six percent a year, the research found.

Consumer out-of-pocket spending on insurance premiums and co-payments has fallen from 23 percent in 1980 to 11 percent in 2011.

The health care reform law spearheaded by President Barack Obama aims to insure more Americans while containing health care costs, but Moses said the true effects of that plan will not be known for years to come.



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Bill Gates seeks to help eradicate polio in Nigeria

ABUJA (AFP) - US billionaire Bill Gates on Monday vowed to help end the scourge of polio in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, still blighted by the debilitating disease.

Africa's richest man, Aliko Dangote, attended the forum, as did President Goodluck Jonathan and other dignitaries and religious leaders including the supreme head of Muslims in Nigeria, the Sultan of Sokoto, Sa'Ad Abubakar.

"I have decided to be in partnership with you and I will be excited when we reach this milestone and (there is) no more polio" in the country, Gates said.

He urged a presidential task force working on polio eradication "to track these gaps", urging greater interaction between campaigners.

Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu said Nigeria had reduced by 50 percent the "Type A" polio virus, though 51 cases had recently been reported.

Jonathan announced the conferment of one of the nation's most prestigious honours, the Commander of the Federal Republic, on Gates in appreciation of his contribution to wiping out the disease.

Polio is caused by a highly infectious virus that invades the nervous system through the mouth and can cause irreversible paralysis within a matter of hours.

Among those paralysed, between five and 10 percent die when their breathing muscles fail to work. Children under the age of five are those most at risk.

Infection typically occurs through water that carries the virus.

There is no cure for the disease, but there are highly effective vaccines to prevent it.

In 1988, polio was endemic in 125 countries, but by 2012, this was reduced to three countries -- Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

US top court rejects pre-abortion ultrasound case

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Supreme Court refused Tuesday to hear a case concerning pre-abortion ultrasounds for women seeking to terminate their pregnancies in Oklahoma.

By refusing to take up the matter, the top US court let stand a ruling by the state's supreme court that struck down a local law requiring "the performance, display and explanation of a pre-abortion ultrasound."

The state claimed to have a "legitimate interest of reducing the risk that a woman may elect an abortion, only to discover later, with devastating psychological consequences, that her decision was not fully informed."

The law mandated that doctors or certified technicians working with them perform ultrasounds on women at least an hour before carrying out an abortion.

It required the images to be displayed in such a way that they could be seen by the women in question and mandated a "simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting."

In addition, physicians or certified technicians were required to provide a medical description of the images, which had to include such details, if applicable, of a heart beat and internal organs.

They also had to "obtain a written certification from the woman, prior to the abortion" although the measure stated that "neither the physician nor the pregnant woman shall be subject to any penalty if she refuses to look at the presented

ultrasound images."

After examining the matter in closed session three times, the Supreme Court gave no explanation for its refusal to take it up.

Just last week, the court announced it would not review the Oklahoma supreme court's decision to overturn a state law that restricts the use of an abortion pill.

The decision effectively upholds the lower court's ruling that the law was unconstitutional, and will allow doctors in the state to prescribe RU-486, also known as the Mifepristone abortion pill.

It is also expected to say soon whether it will take up a Texas law that could lead to the closure of more than a third of clinics performing abortions in the state.

Despite its landmark "Roe v. Wade" decision in January 1973 legalizing abortion in the United States, the practice has remained a perennial source of controversy and in recent years a growing number of states have passed laws limiting it.



LONDON (AFP) - A selection of "Nicotine Containing Products", or "NCP"s are displayed during "The E-Cigarette Summit" at the Royal Academy in central London. The merits of e-cigarettes were thrashed out at a one-day gathering of scientists, experts, policymakers and industry figures at the Royal Society in London. The use of electronic cigarettes -- pen-sized battery-powered devices that simulate smoking by heating and vaporising a liquid solution containing nicotine -- has grown rapidly.

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Japan plans \$16 bn aid package for greenhouse-gas cuts: report



TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's public and private sectors will supply an aid package worth \$16 billion over three years to help developing nations cut greenhouse-gas emissions, a report said Tuesday, as climate talks get underway in Warsaw.

The contribution would account for over 40 percent of the \$35 billion that developing nations were expected to ask for to battle climate change,

Japan's leading Nikkei business daily reported, without citing sources.

It added that Japan's contribution was expected to be approved by Tokyo on Friday and would then be announced at the UN conference in Poland, which started Monday.

The Nikkei report offered few specific details but said the package would include supplying so-called green technologies developed by Japanese firms including off-shore wind turbines, fuel-cell vehicles and high-tech housing insulation, the Nikkei report said.

Japan also plans to launch a satellite in 2017 to monitor greenhouse gas emissions, it said, adding that Tokyo would announce its new greenhouse gas reduction targets at the talks.

E-cigarettes could save millions of lives, conference told

LONDON (AFP) - Switching to e-cigarettes could save millions of smokers' lives, a conference on the rapidly expanding use of the devices heard Tuesday, though some delegates warned more research on the health effects is needed.

The merits of e-cigarettes were thrashed out at a one-day gathering of some 250 scientists, experts, policymakers and industry figures at the Royal Society in London.

The use of electronic cigarettes -- battery-powered devices that simulate smoking by heating and vaporising a liquid solution containing nicotine -- has grown rapidly, with tobacco manufacturers jumping

on the trend.

Sales have doubled annually for the last four years and there are an estimated seven million users across Europe.

European lawmakers in October threw out a bid to curb sales of e-cigarettes by classifying them as medicinal products.

Delegates in London debated how the market had moved faster than science or the law.

"Cigarettes are killing 5.4 million people per year in the world," said Robert West, a health psychology professor and the director of tobacco studies at Cancer Research UK.

He told delegates switching

to e-cigarettes could save millions of lives, but the debate was about "whether that goal can be realised and how best to do it".

The professor said almost a third of attempts to quit smoking involved e-cigarettes.

Though they are estimated to be between 95 and 99 percent safer than smoking cigarettes, some countries have banned them and attendees debated the thorny issue of whether regulation -- possibly under medicinal rules -- should be brought in.

They also debated their potential as a tool to quit smoking or whether they might become a gateway for those who have never smoked.

Apple's new iPad mini goes on sale



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Apple announced Tuesday it has begun selling its newly revamped iPad mini tablet with an enhanced "retina" display, for which it had not previously announced a firm launch date. Apple is the largest single vendor of tablets although its market share has now slipped amid competition from rivals. Analysts say the lower-priced iPad mini accounts for more than half of Apple tablet sales, although the company has not released detailed sales figures. The iPad mini is being sold in the Apple online store and by retailers and mobile operators starting at \$399 for US customers. The old iPad mini is sold at prices starting at \$299.

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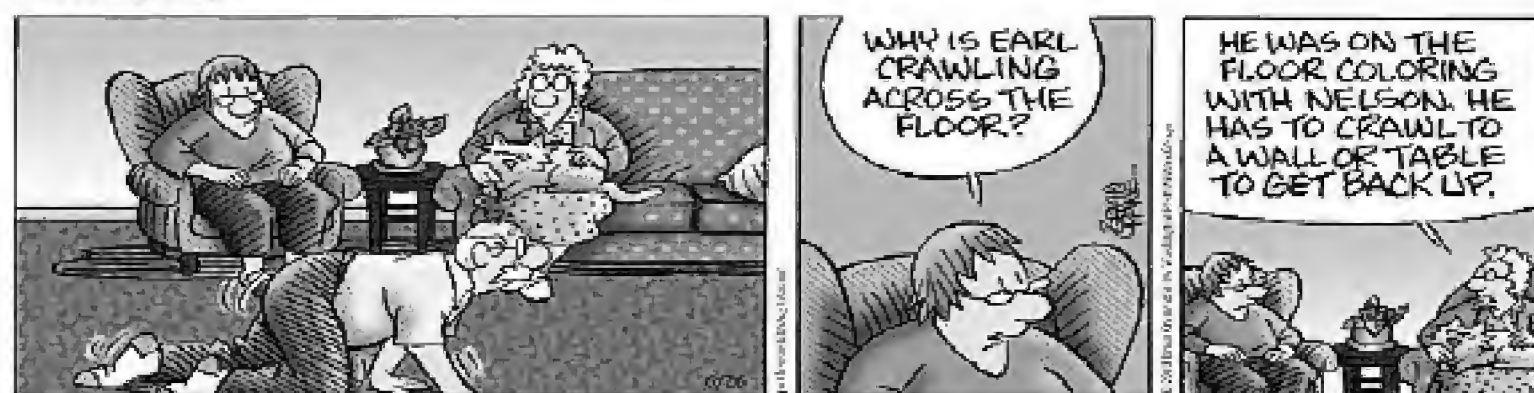
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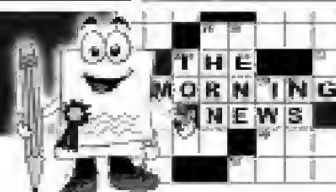
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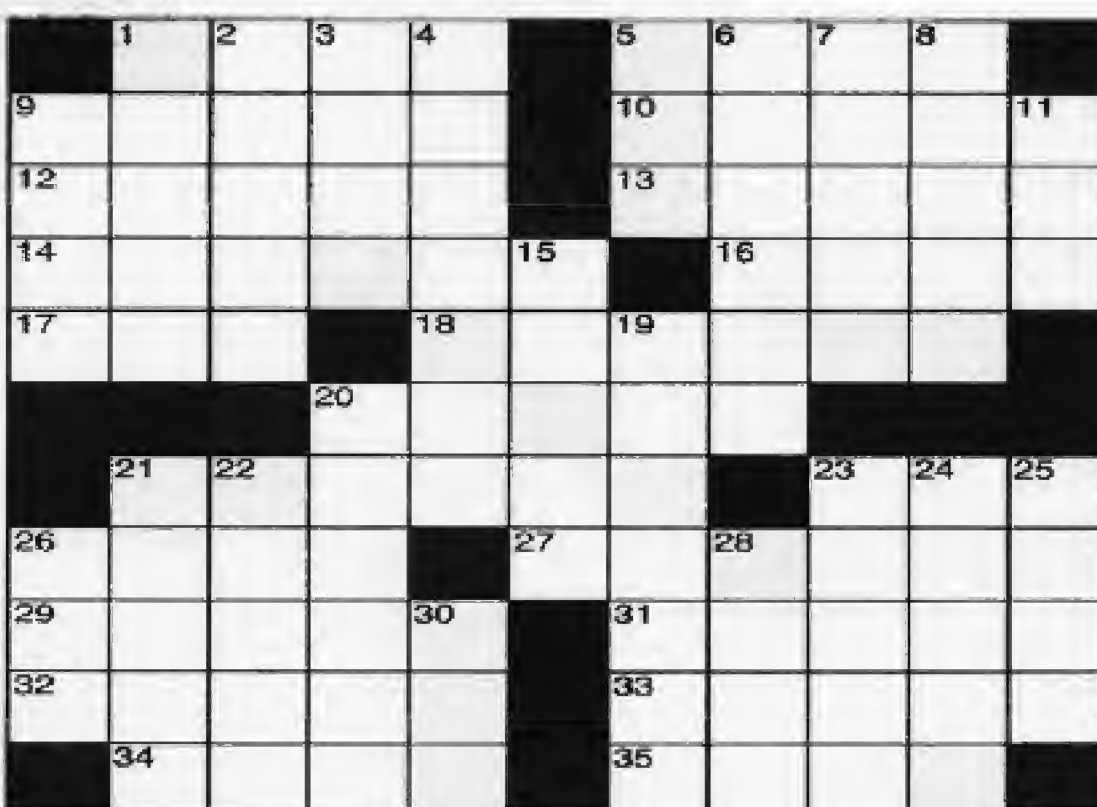
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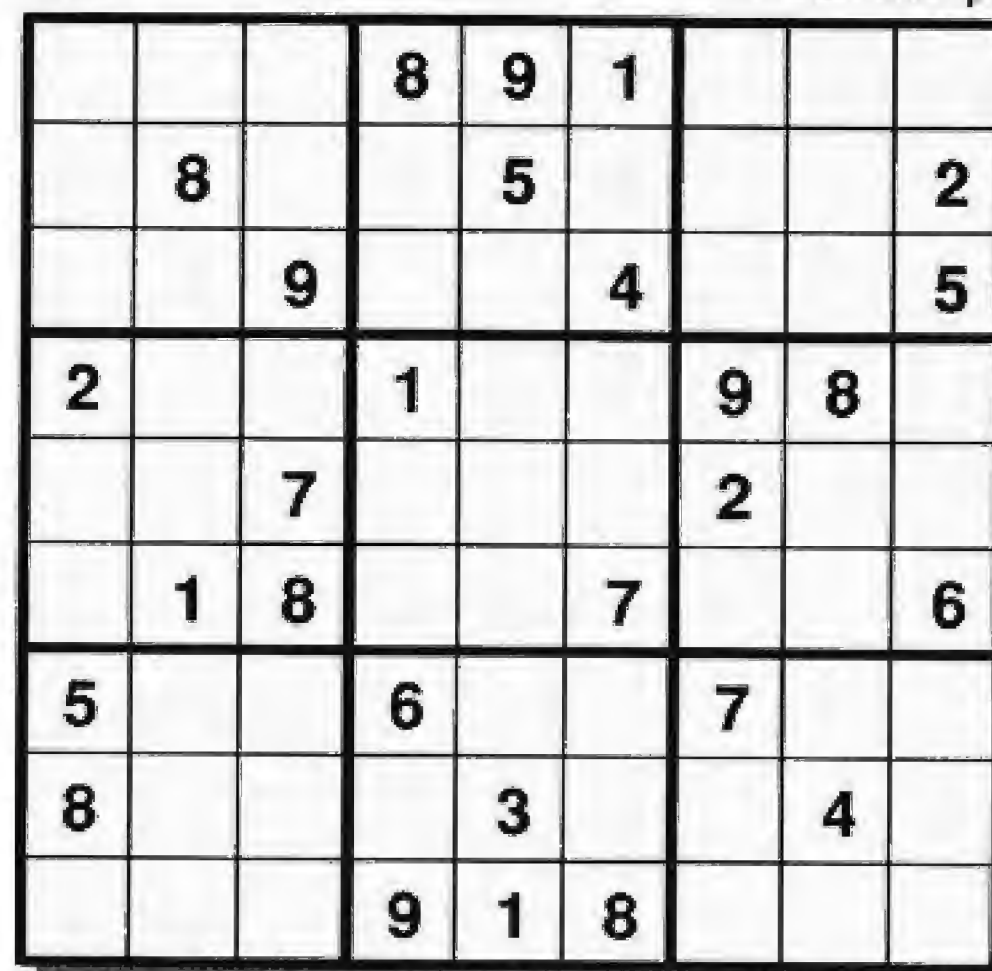
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Vodafone to invest millions in the Netherlands

THE HAGUE - Mobile phone firm Vodafone on Tuesday said it will invest €270m in its mobile and fixed networks in the Netherlands.

The extra investment will be used to roll out its 4G network and to further decrease its dependence on telecom company KPN for its offer on triple play broadband services, which cover internet, television and telephony.

The announcement was made during the presentation

of the half year figures for Vodafone Nederland. These showed a 4.7% drop in turnover to €893.5m compared with the year-earlier period.

The total market shrunk 6.5% in the same period. The number of Vodafone connections dropped to just under 5.3 million.

Globally the British company saw turnover increase 1.2% to €26bn and a drop in operating profit of 8.3% to €5.7bn over the six months.

Wilders commissions report into cost of Holland leaving the EU

THE HAGUE - PVV leader Geert Wilders has commissioned a British bureau to carry out new research into how much it would cost the Netherlands to leave the EU, the NRC reports on Tuesday.

The paper bases its claim on confidential correspondence between the PVV and London-based Capital Economics.

The correspondence shows that Capital Economics said

before starting work it is 'almost convinced' the research will show 'leaving the EU would benefit the Netherlands', the NRC reported.

Funding

The correspondence also shows Wilders approved the project in June and that the expected cost is €270,000.

The party then made informal inquiries to find out if this could be paid for out of the subsidies the PVV gets to run its parliamentary operations. Parliament agreed, on the condition the PVV did not use the results of the research in political campaigning, the NRC said.

The research is likely to be completed by the end of the year.

Last year Wilders paid a British research group to look into the cost of bringing back the guilder. That report was drawn up by British research group Lombard Street Research, which is known for its euro-sceptic position.

EU leaders urge swift response to youth employment crisis

PARIS (AFP) - Europe's leaders on Tuesday put urgency into the search for a solution to high youth unemployment at a meeting in Paris on what is seen as the continent's most pressing challenge.

"What is important is to move quickly," stressed French President Francois Hollande, who hosted heads of state or government from 24 of the EU's 28 member states at the event.

The conference followed a July summit in Berlin initiated by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who called youth unemployment "perhaps the most pressing problem facing Europe".

She warned that the continent faced the emergence of a "lost generation", triggering a raft of measures aimed at reversing the trend.

Hollande said a "youth guarantee" scheme, whereby young people are given jobs, further education or training within four months of leaving school, would be put in place in the next two years.

To speed up the process, all

member states who send in their plans for the scheme's implementation before the end of the year can "access the necessary financing from January 1".

European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso said resources for the scheme depended on member states. "We need something concrete, we need fast results," he said.

According to the European Commission's latest statistics, the EU-wide youth joblessness rate stands at 23.5 percent. A total of 7.5 million aged 15-24 are not in work, education or training.

The sting of the crisis is felt differently across the bloc. The youth unemployment rate is pinned down at 7.7 percent in Europe's healthiest economy Germany, but soaring past 50 percent in debt-crippled southern countries such as Greece or Spain.

EU members have pledged 12 billion euros (\$16 billion) over the next two years while the European Investment Bank and European Social Fund plan to spend similar amounts.

The focus on training can help Europe's youth become more employable but many observers argue no dramatic changes in joblessness statistics can be expected without economic growth.

"Without growth, there will be no jobs for the youth. Politics doesn't create jobs, business creates jobs," said Merkel.

Hollande, who is grappling with record-low popularity ratings, had made youth employment one of his mandate's top priorities. He has vowed a return to employment growth by year's end, but that looks an increasingly unlikely prospect.

"In 2014 unemployment will unfortunately remain too high, but there is perspective, there is hope," said European Council president Herman Van Rompuy.

Despite the new sense of urgency among the EU's leaders, critics say that Brussels' moves to ease the crisis often lack boldness and tend to rely too heavily on German policies that are not easily replicated.

American, US Airways to drop airport slots for merger

WASHINGTON (AFP) - American Airlines and US Airways on Tuesday agreed to give up valuable airport slots to low-cost airlines in a deal with US officials to proceed with their mega-merger.

The proposed settlement with the Justice Department over its antitrust lawsuit clears the way for the two airlines to create the world's largest airline.

American's parent, AMR Corp., and US Airways said they now expect to complete the merger in December and will then give up slots and other rights at seven key airports under a Justice Department divestiture process.

The proposed settlement requires court approval.

The companies will divest slots and gates to "low-cost" airlines "in order to enhance system-wide competition in the airline industry resulting in more choices and more competitive airfares for consumers," the Justice Department said in a statement.

The two airlines will have to cede a significant number of slots at two of the busiest airports on the East Coast -- 34 at New York's La Guardia and 104 at Washington's Reagan National.

Southwest Airlines and Jet-Blue Airways would be potential early gainers from the deal because they currently lease slots from American, the Justice Department noted.

American and US Airways will also give up gate and ground facilities at La Guardia, Reagan National, Boston's Logan International, Chicago's O'Hare, Dallas Love Field, Los Angeles International, and Miami International.

The proposed agreement was joined by six states and Washington, DC, which also sought to block the merger, saying the new airline would have near-monopoly power in some routes and airports.

The new American is committed to maintaining hubs in New York's Kennedy International, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago's O'Hare, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Charlotte for three years.

AMR Corp. and US Airways welcomed the removal of the last major barrier to the \$11 billion merger they announced last February. The new company will be the world's largest carrier, serving more than 330 destinations in 56 countries.

Doug Parker, chairman and CEO of US Airways, and incoming CEO of the combined airline, said: "We are pleased

to have this lawsuit behind us and look forward to building the new American Airlines together."

The divestitures, to take place under a Justice Department-approved process following the completion of the merger, are not expected to impact total employment at the new American, the companies said.

Despite the divestitures, they said, the new American is still expected to generate more than \$1 billion in annual net synergies beginning in 2015, as they estimated in February.

The companies also announced an agreement with the Department of Transportation to continue the commuter services they currently operate between Washington's Reagan National airport and small- and medium-sized markets.

The August antitrust lawsuit stalled the merger, which the companies had expected to complete during the third quarter after garnering the approval of shareholders, creditors and European regulators.

The lawsuit argued that the tie-up would mean four airlines -- which it said have a history of "tacit coordination" instead of competition -- would control more than 80 percent of the US commercial air travel market.

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touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious

dishes that have been in her family for generation. As Varella says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experimenting with new dishes all day at home."

She is the Queen of the Kitchen. Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa cnoello. Don't

miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and



Mama Luisa hard at work in the kitchen

easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin



and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and

condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to

purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Three Bengal tigers born at Paraguay zoo



ASUNCION (AFP) - Three Bengal tigers were born at a zoo in the Paraguay capital Asuncion, its director said Tuesday. The cute trio, born Friday, weigh between 1 and 1.5 kilos (2.2 to 3.3 pounds) and are doing well, Maris Llorens told reporters. Their proud parents -- Turca and Kachima -- were taken in by the zoo last year after they were abandoned by a circus. The cubs have yet to be named, and Paraguayans have been asked to submit suggestions. According to Llorens, the birth of Bengal tigers in captivity is rare.

World's largest orange diamond to be auctioned in Geneva

GENEVA (AFP) - A spectacular and rare orange diamond, the largest known gem of its kind, will go under the hammer in Geneva Tuesday, with auctioneers hoping it will fetch at least \$20 million. The fiery almond-



shaped diamond, nicknamed "The Orange" has been travelling the world in recent weeks to help Christie's evaluate how much of a buzz it might cause. The deep orange gemstone, which was found in South Africa, weighs a whopping 14.82 carats, and the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) has handed it the top rating for coloured diamonds: "fancy vivid". Pure orange diamonds, also known as "fire diamonds", are exceptionally uncommon and very few have been auctioned, with the largest never more than six carats. Coloured diamonds, once considered a curiosity, are rarer than white diamonds and today rake in higher prices per carat than even the most flawless, translucent stone. That, Warren explained, was because, "coloured diamonds are real freaks of nature. They begin as white diamonds, and it's some accidental colouring agent in the ground that will turn it a particular colour." Coloured diamonds "are extraordinarily rare stones," agreed David Bennett, who heads the European jewellery division at Sotheby's.

Brazil Taekwondo Foundation offering lovely 2014 Calendar

ORANJESTAD - Brazil Taekwondo Foundation has launched their brand new calendar and is now on the streets offering these for sale. After launching the calendar officially back in September, they were very occupied with organizing the Best of the Best Powerade and other activities.

Now that all activities are behind them they have begun selling the calendar in earnest. Athletes will be everywhere on the streets, at the Valero gas station in Savaneta. The general public is cordially invited to cooperate and purchase one of their lovely calendars for 2014. In this manner you will be contributing to the development of the Foundation and their athletes.

During the coming days the Train Hard Fight Smart team will continue selling the calendar to collect funds for the foundation for the upcoming 2014 year.

You will be supporting our local athletes by purchasing their lovely 2014 calendar!



Canadian makes trans-Atlantic crossing history

RENNES (AFP) - Mylene Paquette, a 35-year-old from Quebec in Canada, on Tuesday made history by becoming the first North American to make a west-to-east solo crossing of the Atlantic by rowboat.

Paquette set out from Halifax, Canada on a 7.31-metre (23-foot) boat on July 6. She arrived in the northwestern French port of Lorient on Tuesday evening after 129 days at sea.

"Finally it is over, because it was really an ordeal at times, I am just relieved that it is over," an emotional Paquette told AFP upon her arrival.

The 2,700-nautical mile journey crosses an area known for violent winds of up to 100 kilometres (60 miles) per hour and waves of up to 12 metres (40 feet).

During her journey the boat capsized several times, Paquette said, adding she was terri-



fied after hitting her head and nearly passing out when her boat keeled over two weeks ago.

"I was also afraid of the cargo ships. They really came very close to me. Sometimes I was afraid of not seeing my family again, so I am really happy that they are here," she said.

Ten people had previously rowed solo across the Atlantic

from west to east -- considered more arduous than an east-to-west crossing -- but none had been from North America.

Of them, only two were women -- Maud Fontenay of France in 2003 and her compatriot Anne Quemere the fol-



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LONDON (AFP) - Novak Djokovic reigned supreme at the ATP World Tour Finals yet again as the defending champion crushed world number one Rafael Nadal 6-3, 6-4 in Monday's final. World number two Djokovic has now won the prestigious season-ending event three times and is the eighth player to successfully defend the Tour Finals title. The 26-year-old has also equalled Nadal for the longest winning streak of 2013 after claiming his 22nd successive victory since losing to the Spaniard in the US Open final. He has now beaten Nadal 10 times in 19 finals, while extending his winning run at London's O2 Arena to 10 matches since losing to Janko Tipsarevic two years ago.



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Jamaica blundered in catching doping athletes, the world doping police body said Tuesday, after high-profile athletes like former 100-meter sprint champion Asafa Powell tested positive for banned substances. Seven Jamaican athletes, including Powell and two-time 200-meter Olympic champion Veronica Campbell-Brown, tested positive this year. The WADA board will receive a report on Friday after a team visited the country in October. One of the recommendations was for the island to partner with another country to get its doping agencies up to scratch, said Fahey. World sports leaders meet over four days at the fourth anti-doping conference to decide the future of the battle against the use of banned substances. The conference will ratify new, more stringent anti-doping rules and also fine-tune testing according to different sporting codes.



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Results of the first day of the Divi Aruba Beach Tennis Event

ORANJESTAD - The first single matches of the Divi Aruba Beach Tennis Event have been played yesterday, November 12. Participants were clearly nervous for their first appearances in the soft sand of Eagle Beach, but those nerves were soon forgotten when the matches were heating up. Just letting you know a few of the first day's results:

Bertrand Coulet (Aruba) won all his matches and he is on his way towards the elimination round; Jossy Mansur's future is also looking bright



with 2 matches won. Maria Buuts did great, winning all three matches of her day, while world champion Flavia Muniz (Brazil) almost demolished her three opponents with the resounding scores of 7-0, 7-0 and 7-1. Giulia Curzi (Italy) defeated our Yani 7-0.

Play continues with the elimination round; the mixed double matches are on Thursday. Friday is the much-anticipated Nations Cup, Team Cup and Masters 50-plus; remember that the final of the Nations Cup is a super highlight of the Divi Aruba Beach Tennis tournament, starting at 8 p.m. The upcoming weekend will be fantastic, with finals in every level on Sunday.

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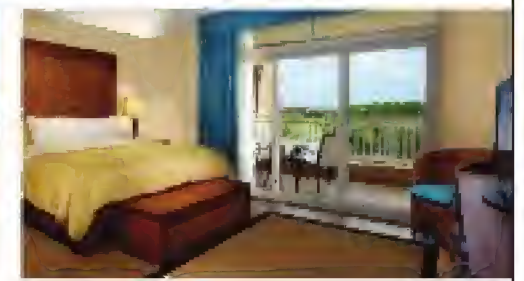
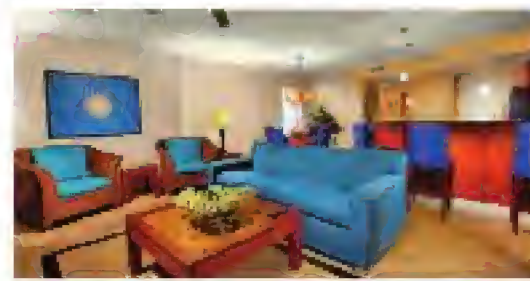
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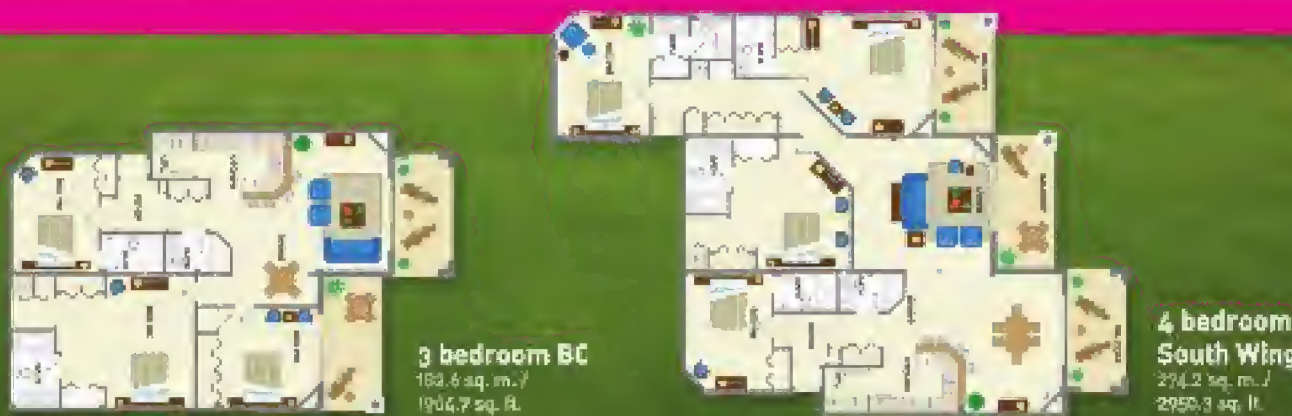
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The Divi Aruba Beach Tennis tournament

The venue is ready, the players are here, there is music and ambiente, so bring it on!

ORANJESTAD - The international Divi Aruba Beach Tennis tournament is ready for take-off: the venue on Eagle Beach looks fantastic, the food court is elegantly set-up and the merchandise can be bought.



The players have flown in from all over the world and together with the local players they are chomping at the bit to play their first matches in this great event, the 2013 Divi Aruba Beach Tennis tournament.

Registration for the single and double matches started on Monday, November 11 -

photos show the enthusiasm of the players. So we can only say: bring it on!

Photos show the registration team, a very nice couple who pitched in selling muffins for the donkeys (a fundraising for the new sanctuary).

The A-team made it!



The Morning News Aruba congratulates the Aruban team (ex Aruba Valero employees, Guido Rasmijn, Charles Vis, Michael Irausquin GinaMaduro (driver), Aldrick Lou) who successfully participated in the 2013 Staatsolie Diesel Savanne Rally in Suriname. The Rally took place from November 8 to 11 and a total of 89 teams participated. The A-team successfully made it to the finish.

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